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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

With the onslaught of snow come the all-too-familiar signs of winter. Car trouble always seems to accompany cold conditions, and Niagara College students and employees are no exception. While passing through the parking lot after school, one is sure to hear those celebrated words, "Anyone got jumper cables?" Photo by Elizabeth Finley

Negotiations could resolve issues

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

Resumption of negotiations between union representing Ontario college faculty and college management is a possibility "if the (Feb. 18) strike vote is being held solely over the alleged wording of the workload (provisions of management's contract offer)," Keith McIntyre, president of Mohawk College and chairman of the management bargaining team, said.

"If that is the big barrier," he told the Niagara News by phone Wednesday, "I know we can solve those issues between now and Feb. 18." Niagara News contacted Mr. McIntyre over rumors that a date had already been set for resumption of talks.

Commenting on published reports and widespread rumors, Mr.McIntyre said, "It is natural for information to get distorted and exaggerated when it gets this close to the deadline."

Mr. McIntyre has received a letter from the union which says "they stand ready if we would issue a call to get back (to the tab le)." But, he said, it doesn't tell him the union is ready to settle and come to an agreement on the 146 outstanding items on the table when talks broke off in December.

BACKGROUND

Overall, the union has accused management of gutting the year-and-a-half-old workload formula; management has said it is merely fine tuning it.

The Council of Regents, the body regulating the colleges, has offered a two-year contract with a 4.5 per cent raise the first year and 4.3 per cent the second. It was rejected by 80 per cent of union members in an earlier vote. College faculty have been without a contract since last August.

"A strike is very serious," Mr. McIntyre said. He said there are about 100,000 students in the college system. About potential students who might register next fall, he said, "If they get turned away, they will not have been served well."

The students' interests are paramount and the education of students is important and significant, he said.

"I'm trying to do anything to settle the matter and get a deal," he said. "Getting a deal is the name of the game."

Mr. McIntyre has met with many managerial staff. On Tuesday he visited Algonquin College in Ottawa. More visits were scheduled for yesterday and today.

If the union receives a positive strike mandate on Feb. 18, the Collective Bargaining Act gives colleges the right to lock teachers out.

Mr. McIntyre would not speculate on whether a lockout would occur. "Under the legislation, it is one of the options,"

Say 'I love you'

Is there a special someone to whom you would like to say hello? What about the pretty girl who sits next to you in class, or the athletic fellow you see playing hockey?

Here is your chance. The next edition of Niagara News will print your "messages" in a special section devoted to Valentine's Day.

Don't be abashed! Use your pet names for each other or write in a code only you and your Valentine will understand. Be creative and speak from the heart.

Messages must be in the News Room, S212, Simcoe Building, by noon Wednesday, Feb. 10. Remember, however, Niagara News does reserve the right to edit.

Fashion Club fund raiser

Niagara's Fashion Club is having a fund-raising dinner dance on Feb. 10 at the Angel Inn, 224 Regent St., Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m.; buffet dinner will be at 7 p.m., followed by dancing at 8:30. There is a cash bar and door prize.

A limited numbef of tickets is available at $15 per person and can be purchased from Janet Johnston or Hazel Ledoux at the fashion arts department in the Simcoe building.

SAC election date Feb. 29

The Student Administrative Council moved the date of SAC elections from Feb. 23 to Feb. 29. Students may vote from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Tecumseh Foyer and the main cafeteria.

Only answering query on lockout: Jackie

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, was merely answering a reporter's question as to the possibility of a lockout, not saying there will be a lockout should the union receive a strike mandate Feb. 18.

Miss Robarts anticipates neither a lockout, nor a strike, but hopes a contract can be achieved, she said in an interview Tuesday.

A reporter approached Miss Robarts after the open session of the Jan. 28 Board of Governors meeting.

"The reporter said the union had indicated to him the possibility of a lockout if they (union) had a positive strike vote," Miss Robarts said.

"So I indicated, that according to the collective bargaining act, a lockout was a possibility; however, I was not in any position to say whether there would be a lockout because that decision is not make locally. I hope a strike can be averted and we can get a contract,"

Miss Robarts said the issue of lockout has been discussed by the committee of presidents in the past — but only that there is the possibility, "not that we thought there should be a lockout."

"A lockout would jeopardize the possibility of a sufficient enrolment in the college (for next year) to maintain their (faculty) jobs," she said "because some students will decide not to come to college — they will decide to go to university or go to work."

SHOULD NEGOTIATE

Asked whether she thought a lockout was a good idea. Miss Robarts replied, "Certainly not. I don't think we should be entertaining such ideas. I think we should be getting the two groups back together to negotiate and get a contract — that is the only thing that is advantageous."

Asked if the differences between the two negotiating sides should take precedence over the rights of students to receive education they paid for, she answered, "The students are our first priority. I don't think a lockout would be held at a time when the majority of students would still be in college."

Again, she stressed that she had only been answering a reporter's question when she spoke on the issue of lockout.

"We (management) aren't trying to have an argument at all. I was trying to answer a question. In no way did I say it (lockout) was going to happen, but that it was a possibility.

WANTS SETTLEMENT

"Management does not want a strike; we want a settlement. Strikes hurt students, but they also hurt staff." She believes faculty do not want "to affect their students' education adversely and are just as eager to have a settlement as we are."

She said she thinks teachers and management of the college are both concerned for the students and do not want to see their education interrupted.

"As president, I believe that one reason they (union) stated if a strike was called it wouldn't be until September, is because they do not want to interrupt the graduation of students."

"The problem is when you have a gun held to your head," she said.

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Hans Miethig, co-ordinator of the construction engineering technology program, and George Rowbottom, chairman, manufacturing, mechanical, construction division, present David Whamond with his American Institute of Contractors diploma.
Photo by Margaret Bartlett

Mr. Rowbottom and Gord Goulty, teaching master in the construction engineering program, present their membership in the American Contractors Institute to Bill Chenard, a first-year student.
Photo by Margaret Bartlett

Institute recognizes student's importance

One reason Ron Wilson, third-year construction engineering technology student, joined the American Institute of Contractors is because they recognize the importance of students, he said. Once they allowed him to attend a $600 seminar free just because he is a student and couldn't afford to attend.

Some of the construction students recently joined the organization and were given diplomas on Tuesday to acknowledge their membership by George Rowbottom, chairman, manufacturing, mechanical, construction division.

The institute holds regular seminars that explain innovations in the industry, teach new techniques and point out new problems.

Bill Chenard, first-year student, said Niagara is about the only college around that attends the meetings. "It's a good way to get professional recognition for the course and to make contacts in the industry," he said.

SEMINARS VALUABLE

Jean St. Pierre, a third-year student, said the institute offers a lot of good educational seminars. He has dual citizenship and thinks it will be beneficial to be a member of an American organization if he ever decides to live in the United States. "The institute is recognized in Canada but it is an American organization. Employers over there may not have heard of Niagara College but they will have heard of the institute."

Membership in the institute tells people that "this man has earned professional status through his education, experience, service and conduct," a flyer about the institute said.

The institute was formed in 1971 in Oklahoma by a group of construction professionals. They felt it was needed because of the increasing complexity of construction.

From Page One Lockout

"In the opinion of the negotiating people, the management side feels they've put everything on the table that they can."

Asked about the quality of education that might be affected by a strike, she replied, "In a time when it is very important to admit as many students as possible to the college because our funding is dependent on our enrolment, a potential strike in September would prove detrimental to building up our student body, and could have far-reaching effects on colleges in future."

Again she gave the background circumstances concerning her statement on a possible lockout.

JUST ANSWERING

"I was trying to answer a question of a reporter who said he was told by the union that lockout was a possibility. The reporter asked me, 'Is that so?'

"Now it comes out as though I'm saying: Look out! We'll get you, boys! I sincerely hope we'll get a settlement without a strike."

Should there be a strike, she said everyone in the bargaining unit would be locked out. "It's just the way the collective bargaining act works."

She said during a strike, support staff and administration would be expected to come through the (picket) lines and come to work.

"But it's obvious if a strike of faculty takes place, there will be no classes because support staff and administration cannot teach. It would be union busting, if they did."

In closing, she said, "I do not anticipate a lockout, nor do I anticipate a strike. That is the message I'd like to get across."

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I'm hungry

Oh! A big one!

Should I save it?

Mmmmm!

Honest, Mum only one...

It did not matter that the doctors were losing to the NHL alumni hockey team last Saturday at the Niagara Falls Arena, this little girl found more pleasure in a box of chocolate candy. In a few years, that might change. But for now, it is more fun to contemplate which scrumptious candy she should eat next. The hockey game, played to raise money for the Greater Niagara General Hospital, ended with the alumni winning 21-10.

Photos by Helen Doan

SACs want central office

By JULIE DEBRUIN
Staff Writer

Darryl Nadeau, Student Administrative Council president, and the other college SAC presidents are meeting this weekend to discuss plans for a central business office in Toronto that would be a liaison between SACs and the provincial government and relay messages among the colleges.

The meeting will discuss a flat rate fee for each college to maintain this office — the building was donated by Humber College — and another important issue on the agenda, teacher evaluation by students, Darryl said. He hopes the office can be open by September.

As student president, Darryl automatically becomes a member of the Ontario Community College Student Presidents' Association, OCCSPA, an autonomous group which meets five times a year to discuss and compare student council problems and solutions.

Humber College in Toronto has donated its old student building rent-free to OCCSPA; this building is to be the business office. The meeting will allow members to decide on an annual fee per college calculated on a flat rate per student, Darryl said in an interview Tuesday.

MANY EXPENSES

This money will be needed to pay for office supplies, salaries of a full-time chairman and secretary, computers and other business expenses. It will come from each college's student council, Darryl said. The amount being discussed ranges from 20 cents to $1 per student.

Darryl said the reason he and the other student presidents feel this project is necessary is that they want someone, the chairman, as a middle man between OCCSPA and the provincial government, and it will make possible improved message relays among the colleges.

Deciding on the rate "will be harder than it sounds," Darryl said. The larger colleges may feel they cannot pay a large fee, he said.

ASSESS TEACHING

Another point OCCSPA is working on is teacher evaluation. "Students pay for an education and they deserve the best." Darryl said OCCSPA's recommendation is that students and fellow teachers evaluate every teacher's ability to teach.

"Unlike universities, many college teachers come fresh from industry." They should be required to take a teaching course if they don't pass the evaluation, Darryl said. OCCSPA will have to go to administration to get approval and will have to work with the faculty union before it can be passed.

This will be the fifth OCCSPA conference Darryl has attended. The first one was with Kathleen Harvey, last year's SAC president, last April, the incoming/outgoing conference. The new student presidents met each other, elected a chairman for the upcoming year and decided on dates and locations for the year's conferences. Darryl said he wants to volunteer Niagara College as the site for one of next year's winter meetings at the meeting in April.

IN SUMMER

His second meeting was in the summer with Glen Futers, vice president. This meeting gave the members a better chance to get to know each other.

The meeting in September at Centennial in Toronto had a guest speaker. Gregory Sorbara, former Minister of Colleges and Universities, spoke to the members on nuclear war. "We couldn't understand why he was speaking on that topic," Darryl said. It had nothing to do with student council or their responsibilities.

November's meeting was held at St. Clair College in Windsor. Drew Namith, a government employee, was "very interesting" as he spoke on the allotments granted to each of the colleges by the provincial government, Darryl said.

Chocolate pie-eating part of Olympics

Niagara College is holding its version of the Winter Olympics next week.

The Student Administrative Council has organized events throughout the week beginning Monday at noon with a torch relay, led by the college president, Jacqueline Robarts, Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs, said. Other events have been scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday's lunch hours.

Events scheduled for Tuesday are snow pitch (weather permitting), tug of war, and a milk chugging contest and chocolate pie and jello eating contests in the main cafeteria. Thursday's events are frisbee football and ping pong.

Students can sign up for the events individually or in teams at the SAC office and meet in the main cafeteria at noon. Each participant will receive a SAC T-shirt and prizes will be awarded to the winners of each event.

Torch runners should meet in front of Hennepin Hall. The run will be led by Miss Robarts, the three deans — Fred Habermehl, of Applied Arts and Health Sciences; Dr. Tony Knowles, of Technology; and Hans van der Slagt, Business.

The route will be along Woodlawn Road, to First Avenue, around the bus stop by parking lot E, back on First, to Quaker Road, down Rice Road and will end up in front of the Black Walnut Building.

Gold medals will be awarded to individual winners in the milk chugging, chocolate pie and jello eating contests and the ping pong tournaments. Trophies will be awarded in the team events.

Opposes voting procedure

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

A rose may be a rose may be a rose. But does the adage hold true when applied to governors on community college boards?

When the nominating committee, comprising Hugh Cook as chairman, Coleen Brown and Roy Brunner, presented its recommendations to the Board of Governors for the slate of board officers for 1988, the motion passed — but not without opposing comment.

David Abraham, an observer to the board since last spring, and now an elected, internal board member representing faculty, speaking against the motion, said, "It appears this document (the nominating committee's report) was prepared, based on the definitions of the bylaws."

His objection was not with the names recommended. "I do not have any quarrel with the individuals named by the nominating committee. They are all excellent people who will serve in their capacity well," he said.

Rather, his objection stemmed from two issues: internal board member names being absent from the list of recommendations for board positions, and a motion to change the voting procedure at academic affairs and administrative affairs committee meetings.

"It doesn't bother myself, but it might be an issue for someone else," he said, concerning the first issue. His second objection stemmed from point two of the nominating committee's report, which proposed that the academic affairs and administrative affairs committee each consist of six external board members and two internal board members and the president ex-officio; members of the board would be welcome to attend, but would not have a vote. At present, all meetings are open to all board members and all have a vote.

"By definition, six and two is violating the premise of Charles Pascal (chairman of the Council of Regents) that a governor is a governor," Mr. Abraham said. "On the basis of these two points, I speak against this motion."

During a later interview, Mr. Abraham expanded on the six and two issue:

"They should leave the committee open and not make any distinction between external and internal members.

However, he said all members should have the right to vote not just six external and two internal members. He agreed with the policy of not having internal board members as either chairman or vice-chairman of the board.

At last Thursday's Board of Governors meeting, William Ford, chairman of the board, in his welcome, told external and new internal board members, "You are representing various groups, but in the words of Charles Pascal, 'a governor is a governor is a governor!' You are here for one purpose — to serve what you consider to be the best interest of Niagara College."

In responding to Mr. Abraham, external board member Hugh Cook said he "grimaced" when he heard Dr. Pascal's words and again when Mr. Ford echoed them.

"It is self-evident," Mr. Cook said, "they (internal board members) are NOT as a governor is a governor is a governor...the regulation clearly spells it out."

Mr. Cook did say the six and two issue was slated to be discussed in a later administrative affairs committee.

Editorials

Abortion an individual decision

Women in Ontario finally have the right to control their own bodies — and their own futures. They have the right to decide if abortion is necessary for them. It is a right to choice and it is long overdue.

Now that women no longer need permission from hospital committees to get abortions, there are other issues that need immediate attention. Most important — when does a fetus become a human being? Whether it's the Medical Institute of Canada, or the courts which ultimately decide this, it is something that needs ruling now. As it stands, any woman, in any stage of pregnancy, with a willing doctor, can obtain an abortion. There needs to be strict stipulations on a time limit.

Another question in need of attention and firm decision is where abortions are allowed to be performed. Should they be conducted only in hospitals and be covered by OHIP, or should they be allowed in clinics and remain under coverage?

During the absence of definite stipulations in these areas, the abortion situation could get way out of control. Some may begin to take it more lightly than it should be taken. Abortion should never be thought of as a contraceptive. It should be considered only if it is the best possible solution available.

Despite all of the arguments against it, the one person most directly and ultimately affected by it is the woman. The physical and mental consequences are often traumatic, but it is the woman who must endure and she should have the right to make a decision about what is best for her.

All of the Pro-life groups who demonstrate so forcefully against the right to choice do have a right to their own opinions, but should not attempt to have those feelings affect another's life. No one should even want to have such control over another.

Even before the Supreme Court ruling on abortion, if a woman found herself pregnant and didn't want to, or couldn't be, she would find some means to get an abortion. Now women have the choice that should always have been theirs, and assuming it is made intelligently, and only after careful consideration, at last a woman's decision will be accepted as hers, alone, to make and act upon.

Tory Edwards

Peterson passes the buck

Ontario's Premier, David Peterson. has once again avoided making a concrete decision. In his election campaign he said there will be no free trade deal unless it is the right deal. How much more ambiguous can he get?

And now with the big cry for Sunday shopping, he and his government have plans to renounce all responsibility, relegating it instead to the individual municipalities of Ontario.

This would create a checkerboard effect across Ontario with some muncipalities open for Sunday shopping, and some closed.

Stores in a city opposed to Sunday shopping could lose valuable customers who prefer to shop Sundays in neighboring municipalities.

Of course Premier Peterson has a tough decision to make. Does he take a chance and rule out the one day families can spend time together, or does he allow the opening of retail stores to accommodate shift workers and those people who can't get their groceries during the week?

And what about the rights of employees? Some employers may require job applicants to sign a form acknowledging that a refusal to work Sunday's could be grounds for dismissal.

However, the Ontario government is considering whether to make retailers pay some sort of bonus to their employees who work Sundays, such as pay at a time and a half.

But what about those who work Sundays as a rule, hospital workers or the police, who will get the same rate as always?

The government's plans to make it illegal for employers to make prospective employees promise on their application to work Sundays is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Peterson should take a stand and show Ontarians what he is made of. He is the premier of this province and he should stop hiding behind ambiguity by making a concrete decision that is in the best interest of the people of Ontario.

Sharon Andres

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A man anxious for knowledge adds more to himself every minute.

Niagara Glen in January

Spring was not far away last weekend at the Niagara Glen. Temperatures coaxed the normally dormant forest to come to life but the buds did not appear; the flowers stayed underground and the wildlife silently slumbered. It was still too early and only the passing of time would bring what could only be imagined.

Photo by Donald Wilsack

George Jonas to address students

Canadian novelist George Jonas will be discussing his fictional novel, Final Decree, with first-year journalism students on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 3:50 p.m. in room S311, Simcoe Wing.

Mr. Jonas has written poetry, numerous radio and television plays and librettos for operas. A libretto is the verbal part of an opera. He has contributed poems, articles and reviews to various journals and is a regular columnist for the Toronto Sun, Toronto Life and Canadian Lawyer.

His books include Vengeance (non-fiction) 1984; By Persons Unknown (non-fiction) 1977, which he co-wrote with Barbara Amiel to win the Edgar Allen Poe Award for best Crime Fact Book.

Persons other than journalism students may attend.

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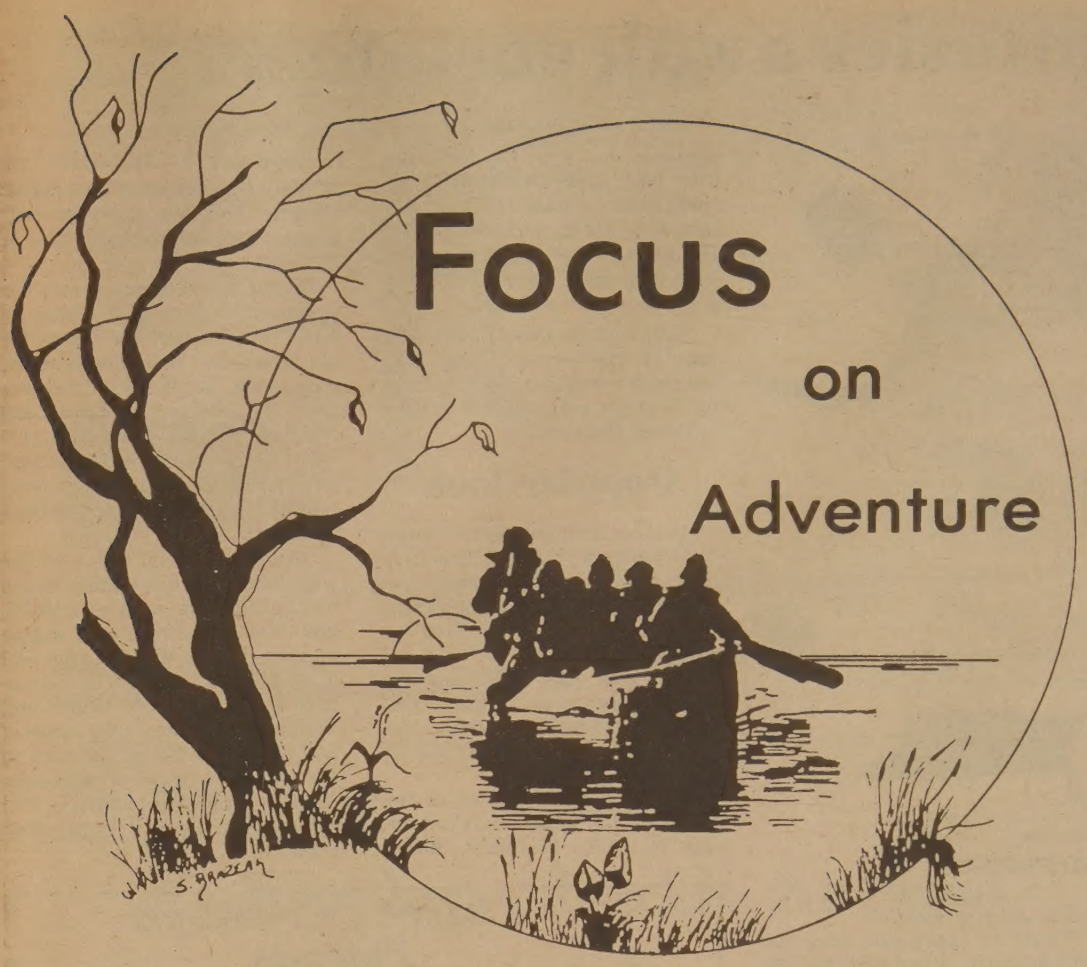

Wild teaches responsibility

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

"Awaken to the cry of the loon and the morning sun edging the mist off of an Algonquin Lake, or paddle waterways once travelled by the famous voyageurs. The wilderness canoe trip takes you through the dense forests, across time-honored portages and vast networks of lakes in Algonquin Park. Travel the waterways — fishing, baking bannock over an open fire and enjoying the natural environment with your group. An opportunity that can truly break down barriers."

Although they may read like a travel brochure, the words pertain to Project DARE (Development through Adventure, Responsibility and Education). Breaking down barriers is what DARE, an outdoor adventure camp, is about.

Established in 1971 as an alternative training school program, DARE utilizes wilderness experiences to promote personal growth and development of troubled youth.

DARE had its beginnings at Portage Lake, near Britt, Ont., about 35 miles northwest of Parry Sound. A second facility opened at Wendigo Lake, near South River, Ont., about 15 miles north of Burk's Falls.

During the '70s, client population changed, Andre Clement, administrator of Project DARE, said. About 1976, the original program at Portage Lake closed and the Windago Lake operation transferred to Loxton Lake, South River, Ont., about two miles from the northwestern boundaries of Algonquin Park and about 180 miles north of Toronto.

Youths in Project DARE come from secure custody facilities, Children's Aid Societies, foster homes, group homes, Mental Health Facilities, and other agencies.

Youth with any of these characteristics, or some combination of them, are likely to be candidates for DARE: students who are verbally under-expressive; youth who have weak listening skills; over-active students; youth who have not learned any social concern for others; socially deprived youth; and youth who are afraid of their environment and have mild anxiety about associating with other people.

Project DARE operates a variety of programs: residential, community, special, special services, and summer.

Immediately upon entering the residential program, youths — 12 to 18 years old — are taken through experiences related to situations that occur in the community, situations where they have to be accountable for their actions and those of others.

Outdoors

The outdoor setting acts as a unique catalyst for growth and change; the inherent anxieties involved in a wilderness program reduce the time needed to expose and bring to resolution problems which might remain disguised in familiar surroundings. Staffed by a team of five instructors and one teacher, each closed group of 10 youths admitted can participate in a one-month or three-month program. The facility can accommodate 30 youths at one time.

Mr. Clement said judges can determine the length and type of sentence (secure or open custody), but cannot select which institution the youth will be sent to; that is up to the Ministry of Correctional Services.

Two models of community programs are offered: the Weekender model or Special Programs model.

Weekender

The Weekender program varies in length from 12 to 15 weeks. There is an initial wilderness component which is designed to act as a group-building and adventure-filled experience. Referrals are made through Project DARE Regional Liason, with priority given to youths under open custody sentences or on probation orders with a condition to attend the DARE Weekender program.

The Special programs, which run from September to June, vary in length from three to 10 days, and are offered on request. They are tailored to address the needs of identified groups serviced by social service agencies.

Project DARE offers Special Service programs, concerned with the general need for safety-conscious outdoor programs and the skills and procedures needed to operate them. Groups and individuals who work with young people 12 to 16 years old, are accepted for these programs and introduced to outdoor skills, such as rock climbing, from an instructional point of view.

Lastly, Project DARE offers Summer programs from June to September each year. Growth programs serve 10 youth for 28 days, with DARE instructors and one teacher. Troubled and gifted youth from the school system participate in a group and wilderness setting which count as school credits. Wilderness programs serve 10 disadvantaged youth in closed groups for 10 days. The Whaler program allows for three to 10-day sailing opportunities on Georgian Bay.

Georgian College's Parry Sound Centre works with Project DARE to provide training weekends for adults who work with troubled and difficult youth. Included are teachers, social workers, after care officers, group home leaders, guidance counsellors, youth club leaders like Scouters and Guiders, and police officers. These training weekends are held six times a year. Participants come from all over Ontario and even other provinces and the United States.

Mr. Clement considers Project DARE very successful, based on the measure of the youth's success while in the program and the feedback from agencies after they return home.

Project DARE hires about 35 staff from colleges and universities for their summer programs. Pay is minimum wage, according to the pay skills scales prescribed in the Ontario Government Experience program, Mr. Clement said. Transportation costs are not covered. Application forms are posted on bulletin boards throughout the college; one is posted outside the Niagara News office on second floor of Simcoe building.

Letters

Comments appreciated

Editor's Note: This letter, addressed to Anne Hofsink, first-year journalism, was sent to the Niagara News for publication in the Letters to the Editor column by Dr. M.A. Blajchman, medical director, Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Ms. Hofsink:

Your letter which appeared in the Niagara News on Nov. 13, 1987 has recently come to my attention. I very much appreciate that you have taken the time to write the letter and provide your thoughtful comments about problems at the recent blood donor clinic at Niagara College.

The problems with delays in blood donor clinics have been apparent since we recently changed our donor screening procedure to better ensure the safety of the blood supply. The alleviation of this problem is not easy. We are caught between convenience to donors on the one hand and making sure every unit of blood taken is safe for a potential recipient on the other. We have recently rectified the problem somewhat by increasing staff and altering the format of the questionnaire for regular blood donors. We have found that these changes have dramatically reduced the long lines at blood donor clinics; nonetheless we are monitoring the situation carefully.

I want to assure you that we are and will continue to make every effort to ensure a safe blood supply for Canadian patients and at the same time minimize inconvenience to donors. I very much appreciate the fact that you persisted and gave a unit of blood. Your blood was used for a patient undergoing surgery in a local hospital and your blood helped in his recovery from a serious illness.

I would encourage you to continue to be a blood donor. I assure you that the next time you donate blood the wait will be considerably shorter than it was at the November clinic. Again, thank you for your interest in blood donor activities and particularly for your persistence in being a blood donor despite the long waiting period. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any other concerns.

Yours sincerely,
M. A. Blajchman, M.D., FRCP (C)
Medical Director

'Superb article,' Mark

Dear Editor:

First-year journalism student Mark Tayti wrote a superb article on former Hell's Angel Barry Mayson. One had the feeling of meeting Mr. Mayson first-hand. If Mark can turn out copy like this in first-year, Niagara News will benefit enormously when Mark enters second-year.

Congratulations, Mark, for an excellent job!

Helen Doan
Second-year journalism

Nurse joins committee

Funds have been approved for Dawn Hall to join the smoking committee, Hans van der Slagt's office said Tuesday.

Bette Ferguson, director of student services, has approved funds for additional time which would allow Mrs. Hall to be on campus during smoking committee meetings.

Mrs. Hall, a part-time nurse, is on campus for a limited time, and the committee meetings conflicted with Health Centre hours.

The smoking committee has wanted the input of a professional nurse for some time, and look on this move as a step in the right direction, Mr. van der Slagt's office said. Mr. van der Slagt, dean of business, is chairman of the smoking committee.

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Beautiful, beastly fantasies await customers

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Admidst the hustle, bustle and commercialization of Niagara Falls, on a winding, out of the way side street, there stands a brilliant blue house. Inside, hundreds of sleeping beings wait for humans to breathe life into them.

Hanging patiently, row after row, are bellydancers, vampires, satin-cloaked devils, magenta and golden Cleopatra and Caesar robes, six-foot rabbits, Playboy Bunnies, Cookie monsters, Kermit the Frogs, Alfs, and even Elvis Presley.

June Jarrett and Carey Calder own the Costume Shop on Leonard Avenue in Niagara Falls, Ontario. They are self-trained artists who met while working at Wallace's in St. Catharines. From there they have had their own display business, have done wax sculpturing, extensive work in all kinds of costumes, and now own their own costume business.

CAREY CALDER AND FRIENDS

Unique duo

These two are a unique team; June does the costumes, while Carey constructs the heads. "One has to be inventive in this business," Carey said. His goal is to have 1,000 "absolutely perfect" costumes in the shop. By this he means that if someone came to the shop and wanted a Robin Hood costume, for example, that person would leave with a costume and accessories that would allow him to *become* Robin Hood. Boots, leggings, satin blouse and suede top, cap, quiver and gloves would make one think of Sherwood Forest and Big John when this was put together. "We are as elaborate as possible," Carey said. "The secret is to know what fabrics work for the time period."

Carey and June are creating the costumes for a production to be put on by the Welland Little Theatre. Up the Canal, written by a peninsula resident, is a historical story about the Niagara Region.

After their display business was set up, Carey and June "cleaned up" some wax museums in the Falls, and were asked to do a sculpture for the Biblical Museum that used to exist on Clifton Hill. Moses was the first figure they did and "he came out beautifully," Carey said. They had to use large tanks and siphon the wax into a mould. "It was really tricky. The temperature of the wax, the humidity — everything had to be just right.

A complete scene of The Last Supper and of the Ascension scene were done by June and Carey for the Biblical Museum. "People were awed by the Ascension scene and would throw money and shout and sing praises," Carey said. The figure of Christ was positioned eight feet off the ground, and beneath him were showers of chiffon with blue lights glowing behind.

About 10 years ago, they laid out the entire floor plan for the Criminal Hall of Fame Museum on Victoria Ave. But the wax figures cost about $3,000 to buy and people became cautious of the expense, and wax sculpture went out of style.

About eight years ago the market went sour, and June and Carey were forced to decide whether to expand their display business, or sell. They sold the business, but kept the costumes they had made over the years. Now, in the Costume Shop, Carey said they make between 50 and 100 entirely new costumes each year, depending on how busy they are with other projects.

"Girls almost always want to be sexy for Halloween — until they see themselves in a Playboy Bunny costume, and realize how little costume there is."

Popular look

Another ever popular costume for women is the Southern Belle look. Tight corsettes and huge hoop skirts with great floppy hats bring Gone With The Wind immediately to mind.

"Alf was the most popular costume last year," Carey said. Vampires, draculas, witches and ghouls remain at the top of the list every year.

June and Carey did all of the costumes for Ontario's Bicentennial in 1984. Margaret Birch, parliamentary assistant to William Davis, former premier of Ontario, had two elaborate ball gowns made for the festivities in Ottawa.

Bigger-than-life characters are projects of June and Carey as well. They created Mr. Grape for the Grape and Wine Festival, the Aquaduck for the Welland bar and for Niagara College, the Niagara Knight. There doesn't seem to be anything that these two can't make or build, and practically nothing they won't attempt.

Adding a special touch to the wonderful and interesting house on Leonard Ave. are Ernie, Willie and Webster. Ernie is a happy 16-year-old dog whom Carey and June saved from death by starvation in a junkyard. Willie and Webster are cats who quietly roam about the house, oblivious to the costumes, accessories, sewing machines, ironing boards — and remarkable talent — of their masters.

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Anyone for ice fishing?

Even with recent warnings of unsafe ice conditions on the canal, these fishermen are determined to get a trophy before milder temperatures melt it all away. Photo by Brian McLaughlin

'Never attend' :Glen

The vice-president of the Student Administrative Council said that, contrary to what the vice-president of the St. Catharines Campus' senate said, not one member of the senate has ever been to a SAC meeting.

Senate vice-president Wayne Sanford said in a story last week that the senate president usually attends SAC meetings but members from SAC don't attend senate meetings.

"There's never been any representation from any campuses, other than the main one, at SAC meetings," SAC executive vice-president Glen Futers said. "They're free to come to any meetings they want."

The St. Catharines Campus is not technically a satellite campus, Glen said. SAC doesn't give any money to the senate but it does organize pubs in St. Catharines.

There have been four pubs at Copperfield's (in St. Catharines) to try and make the satellite campuses feel like they belong, Glen said. From the three campuses in St. Catharines the turn-out has been poor, he said.

The main reason for lack of participation from other campuses at SAC meetings is because it is difficult to get schedules to work together.

"I can understand their feeling of isolation," Glen said about the St. Catharines Campus. "But to get rid of that feeling they could get involved in what we do in St. Catharines."

Fu Hau-xing

Visitor has 'double harvest'

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

With his English improving and horizons broadening, Fu Hua-xing has described his visit to Niagara so far as a "double harvest."

"Learning the language is not easy but it has been very useful, especially since I came here," Mr. Fu said. "Speaking and hearing it really helps to improve."

Here since October, Mr. Fu has been studying microcomputer applications, basic communications and international relations since January, gathering information on administration and educational systems of Canadian community colleges.

"It has provided me with a lot of ideas," he said. "It is a lot of time and work for me and I hope I can do something to help in my province."

Mr. Fu is taking part in an exchange program which has Niagara twinned with Changsha Vocational University in China. He is the chief secretary, Foreign Affairs office of the Education Commission of Hunan Province, and a senior program officer of the China International Education Exchange Association, Hunan Branch.

Even though he is far from his homeland, he said he feels at home here and finds the people kind and hospitable. With his visit scheduled to last until the end of April, he is trying to learn as much as possible.

"Vocational colleges (in China) are similar but with some differences; we are trying to reform our system."

Last Tuesday, Mr. Fu gave a lecture on education in China in which he explained some of the changes and problems encountered in educating the most populous nation on earth.

In the last 37 years, China has trained more than four million university and college graduates, seven million specialized school graduates, and 65 million students have graduated from senior middle schools.

"The old educational system was abolished and a policy of making education accessible to workers and peasants was implemented," Mr. Fu said.

At the present time, 93 per cent of primary school-age children go to school.

"There is 100 per cent enrolment in the cities. In remote areas, we have mobile teams on horseback that travel from village to village and tent to tent."

The total number of students is almost unimaginable compared to Canada. In 1982, there were 1,150,000 college students; 46,310,000 secondary school students and 139,720,000 primary school students.

Mr. Fu said there are 9,000 primary schools in Hunan province which has a population of 55 million. Winter vacation for school children begins this week for one month, and China's traditional festival comes soon which is as important as Christmas in North America.

The post-secondary education system is relatively new in China and has been recognized as important in the economic development of communities. Vocational colleges, similar to Canadian community colleges, have generated great interest because they try to meet the needs of individual communities.

He said China's university students do not pay for tuition, lodging and medical care but must pay for their food and books. But by the 1990's, as part of changes to the system, most of them may have to pay for their tuition.

"There is a national exam for entrance into universities and colleges. It is a big challenge for students."

Mr. Fu said exchange programs have become more important in China and hopes through co-operative efforts that more exchanges will take place.

"By the end of the century, we will see great changes, not only in education but also other fields in the modernization of our country."

Bank workshop

The Federal Business Development Bank is offering a seminar workshop for people interested in starting their own business.

It will be held March 5 at the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $15 for students and $35 for others.

Participants work in a workshop creating their own business plans for their future.

"The goal is to tell them what they'll have to do to get a business started," Steve Polton, small business development officer for the Niagara Region Development Corporation, said.

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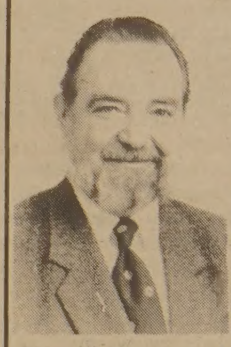

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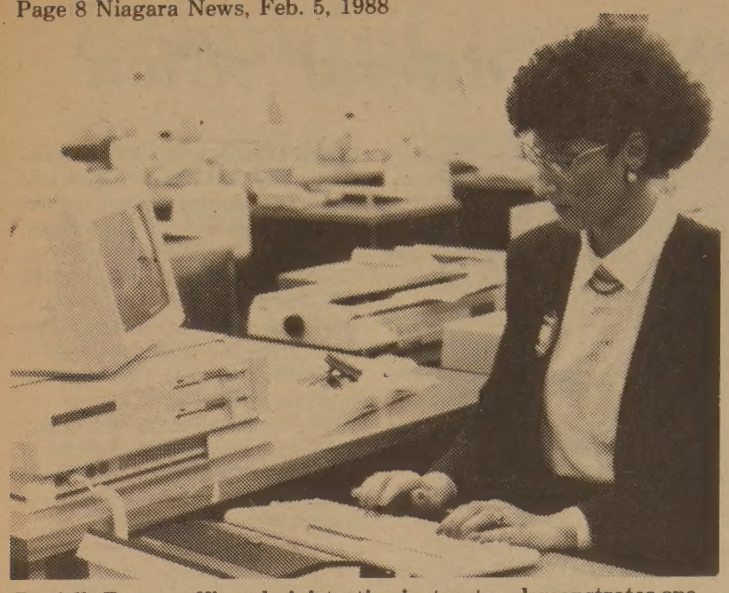

Danielle Brown, office administration instructor, demonstrates one of the new Tandy 1,000 computers at the Open House.
Photo by Cindy Logan

Open house shows off

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

A chance to "show off" came for the office administration programs in the Mackenzie Building, Jan. 28.

An Office Administration Open House was held "specifically because of the new equipment," Ivar Noren, chairman of office administration, mathematics and part-time studies, said.

The new equipment is a "step above" what was in the programs before, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

A major investment in office equipment was installed over the summer for the programs in excess of $100,000. Two major components are 31 Tandy 1,000 microcomputers and 60 electronic Silver Reed typewriters with 8K memory. Seven printers and 23 transcribers were bought for the programs.

"All of it is modern state of the art equipment," Mr. Noren said.

HARD WORK

"A lot of hard work" went into getting the new equipment, Miss Robarts said. She offered her "very warm thanks and congratulations" to the staff of the programs.

"This is a day we've looked forward to for a long time, some more than most," Hans van der Slagt said, gesturing toward Margaret Freeman.

Mrs. Freeman has been with the office administration programs and the college for about 20 years. She put a great deal of effort into obtaining the new equipment, he said.

Instructors Danielle Brow, Carolyn Giganti and Joan Brannon demonstrated the equipment and answered questions.

Theatre cancels tour

The Niagara College Theatre Centre has cancelled its transfer of Sweeney Todd to Brock University's The Theatre.

All performances will be at the Empire Street theatre. The production runs from Feb. 24 to 26 and again from March 1 to 3. Evening performances on March 1 and 2 are to be Niagara College nights, Valerie Grabove, co-ordinator, said.

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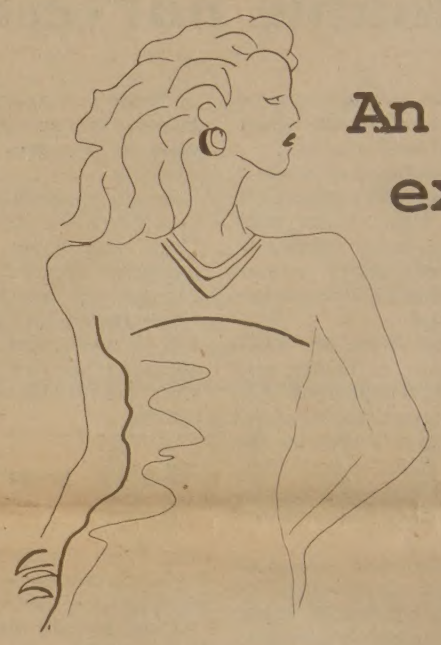

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Students, students

Tourism-Tours & Attractions

Europe adventure opens her eyes

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer

Pam Lattin, first-year tourism student, points out her hometown of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, on the map of Canada. She plans to return to Whitehorse, a bustling tourist town in the summer, on her first co-op placement. Pam loves to travel and is considering going abroad for her second-year placement.

Photo by Margaret Bartlett

Travelling through Europe for three months was a real "eye opener," Pam Lattin, first-year tourism student, said. "Although nothing really bad happened, I breathed a sigh of relief when I got back into Canada."

"I was constantly aware of where my money was and wore two money belts all the time," she said. "One hidden underneath my clothes and one around my neck with the money for that day in it."

She came to Niagara College from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory because she didn't know anybody here and she wanted to see if she could do it on her own.

She plans to go back to Whitehorse for her first co-op placement because tourism is the main industry there in the summer. She is contemplating going abroad for her second-year placement and she said she is willing to anywhere after graduation.

BACKPACKED

Pam, a small brown-haired girl, and a friend backpacked, carrying 25-pound packs, through England, Italy, France, Greece, Spain and Portugal on a spur of the moment trip. "We didn't do a lot of planning. We sat down on the plane and said, 'we're really going.'"

They flew to England for three weeks first and that was a good idea because there was time to get used to the trains and the hostel system without worrying about speaking another language, she said.

They soon discovered if they knew about five phrases and used sign language they could communicate.

"If you ask the initial question in a person's native language they are willing to help."

Pam said, she was attacked by gypsy youths in Rome but somebody chased them away and they didn't get any money.

IRELAND FRIENDLY

The people in Ireland were really friendly, "We didn't see any fighting but there were barricades across some of the streets." The one thing that really stood out was how green the country is.

Paris and Athens were madhouses because there is so much traffic and noise and street vendors everywhere.

In Paris she decided to climb the steps of the Eiffel Tower instead of paying the $8 fee for the elevator, "Never again; next time I'll pay."

By the time she got to Greece she was so tired she just lay on the beach for four days; she would like to go back someday and see all the Greek Islands.

She always worked in tourism jobs in summer vacations from high school and Victoria University. She didn't plan to make tourism her career but just kept coming back to it.

"I really enjoy the course because of the co-op. This course isn't that specialized that you have backed yourself into one thing."

The course is interesting but it isn't easy, she said. "It gives a good overview of all the aspects of tourism." This is not a travel agent course. Although students have entered that field, it's not an area the college pushes.

Convention planning appeals to her now but, as she is exposed to different things, her ideas change, she said.

Living in Europe altered her course

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

ALEXIS WYSHNIOWSKI

Working in Europe for two years was just the thing Alexis Wyshniowsky, a 22-year-old Tourism-Tours and Attractions student, needed to help her decide to take the program.

"For the last 2½ years since high school I lived in Europe and returned only six months ago," Alexis said. She worked as a nanny in St. Gallen, Switzerland, and travelled extensively throughout Scandanavia and Europe with the family she lived with.

"I enjoy travelling, people and languages" and that is why she finally decided to take the tourism program. Her "main thought was to work in airlines" but she chose school instead.

"It is excellent for me personally; I'm glad I made the decision I did. I will have more opportunities and learn a lot more in school."

SLIGHT ACCENT

Still speaking with a slight German accent, Alexis said she had a hard time making the change from German back to English.

"I had a terrible time speaking English," she said, and that she had a thick accent when she first returned to Canada.

This Beamsville resident is now fluent in English and German and speaks some French, Italian, Ukranian and Polish.

While working in Switzerland, Alexis had charge of a 2½-year-old boy, Oliver, whom she lovingly refers to as "my boy."

She got her nanny job through the Swiss consulate in Toronto. She wrote to various consulates and they sent her job applications and correspondence from families.

NO OBLIGATIONS

"I would not have gone if I didn't have a job; I would not have had enough money. I thought that I may as well go since I had the chance, I was still young and I had no obligations at home."

Alexis came home only once during her stay in Europe and that was after the first year to renew her work visa. She returned basically to Europe only to complete a German night school course she was taking and because she loved it.

"I love meeting people from all cultures and I met Polish, Ukranian, Yugoslavian, Parisian and English people. Everything was quite memorable."

Right now, the tourism students are in the midst of choosing a location for next fall's traditional trip. Each person must make a presentation to the class which not only includes where they think the class should go but all the activities they will have a chance to experience.

If Alexis has a choice, she would like to go to Colombia or Australia, two places where she has never been but has heard are great places to visit. "The Dominican Republic also looks quite interesting with all the heat, sun and beaches.

"I think people come in with a very false attitude about tourism — thinking that it's all fun and travel," Alexis said.

"You really, really have to like people and want to be with people and you have to be strong to work in this industry."

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Sports

ROWING

For the love of the sport

By RANDY CONLON
Staff writer

The pure enjoyment of rowing has given Niagara College student Tony Biernacki an opportunity many athletes only dream about — a chance to represent his country at the Olympic games.

Tony, a third-year mechanical engineering technology student, is trying for a position on the Canadian Rowing team in the sculling division.

In May, the 22-year-old St. Catharines resident will compete in speed orders in Welland to determine who will go the the Olympic games in Seoul at the end of August.

"There are 12 rowers vying for eight sculling positions," he said. "I'm confident right now; I have to be. If you're not confident, it's not worth going. But realistically, I have a good chance of making the team."

In past years' try-outs for the Canadian team, Tony placed sixth in the nation as a sculler, but failed to make the team which was to have only four scullers. This year the format is different, as the team is taking eight rowers in all in the sculling division: four in the quad boat, two for the pair and one for the scull boat. The remaining rower is the spare used in any boat for which he may be needed.

Tony has grown up around rowing and has been on the water since he was seven. His father and coach, Tony Sr., is a former Canadian champion and has represented Canada at the World Rowing Championships."

Disadvantage

At six feet, and 185 pounds, Tony has a distinct disadvantage among those trying out for the team. "I'm the smallest guy trying out. The weights don't vary too much, but most guys are about six three to six five.

Tony is considered young to be an Olympic rower. Most rowers don't hit their peak until they are between 27 and 35, he said. He doesn't plan to quit after the Olympics by any means. "Next year my goal is to go to the World's, and then hopefully another Olympics after that."

In 1979 he went to the World Championships in Yugoslavia as a coxie, his first exposure to international competition. This past summer he rowed in a quad representing Canada at the World University Games and his boat finished fourth, narrowly missing a medal.

TONY BIERNACKI

He also rowed for Canada at the Pan American games but his crew's fifth place finish was disappointing. "We didn't have a good race or a good time; we should have won a medal," he said.

Tony's success has not come easily for him because rowing is not a sport in which you can rely on natural talent alone. It takes strength, time and effort.

"I've played pretty well every sport, and rowing is the hardest I've ever played," he said.

He has only one week throughout the year that he does not train. He works out with weights three times a week and runs every day. But the most important part of his training comes each morning and evening.

Ergometer

For 90 minutes before school and 90 minutes after dinner, Tony works out on the ergometer, an indoor rowing machine used to measure his time and strength.

Everything Tony does revolves around his rowing. "Before I do something, I have to ask myself, 'Is this going to affect my rowing?', and if it does, I won't do it."

"You have to have an understanding family, friends and girlfriend because your time is very limited.

"It's not very often I can go out and have a few beers. My schedule is fairly balanced right now between school and rowing as it is."

Tony is an Ontario carded athlete, which means the government of Ontario pays his tuition and gives him $1,000 per year spending money. The money is supposed to compensate for lost earnings while he trains.

If he makes it to the Olympics he will become a Canadian carded athlete; this would mean more money to compensate for lost earnings.

"But I'm not in it for the money," he said. "I'm in it for the pure enjoyment of rowing. I love the game and the competition."

To add to Tony's busy schedule, he is a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

He is on his way to the National Training Camp in London on the weekend; where 10 of the 12 men trying for the team will be there.

If all the time and effort he has put into rowing is any indication of how he will do, Tony should do a fine job enjoying himself while representing his country in Seoul in August.

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Curling

Hot curling team wins Hap Holman

The Niagara College curling team will play host to the OCAA Western Regional Curling Competition at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club on Feb. 19, 20 and 21.

Teams in the event include Seneca College, Toronto; Mohawk College, Hamilton; Fanshawe College, London; and St. Clair College, Windsor.

The Niagara team placed first in the Hap Holman Invitational tournament in Hamilton Jan. 17. The rink, skipped by Brian Nagy, edged out a tough Mohawk rink in what proved to be the deciding game.

The tournament included teams from all different divisions of the sport. Both men's and women's teams competed for the same title and there were also faculty divisions. Niagara's women's team placed third behind the Niagara and Mohawk men's teams.

In the faculty division, a rink skipped by Don Papple of the horticulture centre placed second to the Mohawk rink skipped by the college president Keith McIntyre.

The curling team has recently run into a problem as they have lost their skip, Brian Nagy, because his course finishes tomorrow and he will no longer be eligible for inter-collegiate athletics.

Coach Bob Young was disappointed with the news but is still quite confident that the rink will play in the regional bonspiel.

"I know we were very strong with him, but we're still a strong team without him, " he said.

The top two teams from the men's, women's and mixed division will advance to the provincial championships in Ottawa March 4-6.

Mr. Young feels that both Niagara's men's and women's teams have a good chance of going.

"I think our ladies' team is very competitive and the two teams have a good chance of finishing in the top two positions."

As a warm-up for the regionals, the men's team will play in a bonspiel in Cambridge next weekend.

Send flowers

The Student Administrative Council will be selling red and white carnations for students to give that special someone for Valentines. The flowers will cost $1 each and will be available at the Feb. 10 Rose Villa pub and at the college on Feb. 12. Students can buy the flowers at the SAC office during the day on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Sports

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Home court motivates Knights

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

Playing on their home court gave the women's volleyball team the incentive it needed as the Knights came away from a weekend tournament with a one-match victory, two match loss.

The Knights came up against George Brown college from Toronto and lost two games in a row, then went on to win against the Sir Sandford Fleming Auks with a 2-1 game win. In the last match of the day, they lost to the other Sir Sandford Fleming team in two straight games.

The first match against the George Brown Huskies found the Knights starting the fight slowly with the teams taking one point at a time. Finally, the action was brought to a standstill at a 7-7 tie and again the Knights and the Huskies followed the old pattern of gain one point at a time. Once the scores reached the 12-point mark, George Brown finished it for a 15-12 win.

The second match proved less monotonous with Niagara taking a quick 8-0 lead, showing the Huskies that they would not easily give into defeat. The Huskies sensed this and once they got the ball back, they quickly brought the score to a 9-9 tie. The Knights then missed two vital free balls in a row, giving the Huskies a chance to dominate the game for a 15-9 win.

They "have to use the ball, take it back and put it together," Judy Halaiko, team coach, said.

After the first match, the knights were discouraged. Player Tanya Carlton said, "We should have won. It's like there's a mental barrier when we get to 12 points."

Despite the loss, Pat Reynders, Anne Labrie, Jodi Smith and Tanya played well, looking for opportunities to spike the ball into unguarded spots and stealing the serve.

Tanya's analysis proved true in the following match as Niagara — true to form — startled the Sir Sandford Fleming Auks from Linsday with 12 quick points for a 12-5 score. But reached a barrier they had when the Auks stole the serve and brought their score to 11 points. The Knights were able to overcome the barrier, however, and win 15-11.

This Niagara Knights' player sends the ball soaring over the net at the Sir Sandford Fleming Auks. The Knights' teamwork proved successful as they went on to win this match with game scores of 15-11 and 16-14.
Photo by Wendy Kudeba

The next game began slowly with the teams gaining points a few at a time and far apart when it reached a 6-6 tie and remained there for a considerable amount of playing time. The Knights wanted to win.

The Auks would not accept defeat. The scores rose with regular spurts of points on either side until, once again, reaching the 12-12 mark — Niagara's seemingly unlucky number. And it did prove unlucky as Niagara lost with a 15-12 score.

GOES ON TO LEAD

The deciding match had both teams worked up as each could taste victory. Keeping it close once again, they taunted one another with a serve stolen here and a point gained there. Pat finally broke the 12-point barrier in this game when she spiked the return play of her own serve deep into Auks' court and Niagara went on to raise the score to a comfortable 14-10 lead.

The last point seemed almost impossible when the Auks stole the serve and battered four points through the Knight's teamwork. Undaunted because they were so close to victory but not overconfident, Niagara took their final two points to win the game 16-14 and the match 2 games to one.

The third match proved Niagara's downfall when they seemed to lose all determination and ability to fight for the right to serve. The Sir Sandford Fleming Knights from Peterborough proved destructive and only allowed Niagara the occassional chance at gaining any points at all. The Sir Sandford Knights ran away with the ball and pulled a 15-15 victory over the Niagara Knights.

The second match wasn't quite as impossible for the Knights as the Sir Sandford Knights were overconfident and Niagara regained their old hunger to win attitude. Once again, it helped but didn't quite merit a win as Sir Sandford let the Knights get away with 7-2 lead only so they could re-establish their teamwork. Once prepared, Sir Sanford plodded ahead, gaining precious points and keeping Niagara at nine points until they could gain back the serve and finish off the game for a 15-11 win.

Varsity athlete

Clutch v-ball player

Pat Reynders is the January athlete of the month. A member of the women's volleyball team, Pat is an important team member being one of the two setters.

Pat has helped her team to victory in vital games. They did well when they played at Loyalist College in Belleville even though she had to do all the setting herself as the other setter was out with an injury. She is skilled at sending the ball smashing back into her opponents' court on return play. Often times, her strong serves succeed in gaining much needed points for the team.

PAT REYNDERS

FAVORITE SPORT

Asked what she thought about the change in the varsity sports schedule from basketball to volleyball, she said, "Definitely, volleyball is my favorite sport." She played the sport in Waterdown, Ont., where she attended Grades 9 to 11 at Notre Dame Academy.

This 21-year-old player was the first recipient of the Student Administrative Council's sponsored athletic scholarship.

"It was pretty good. I was quite pleased. It was $300 I didn't have before."

Her hope for the team is that it will continue through the years that it stays at the college.

"It would be nice if we made the semi-finals, that would be a great ending to this year."

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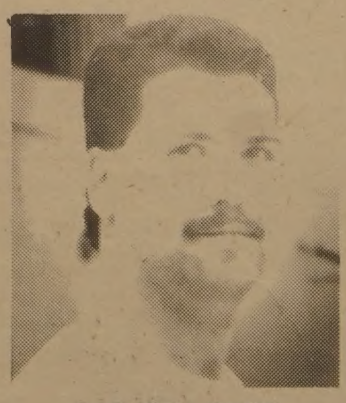
Intramural athlete

Dan leads undefeated Eagles

The intramural athlete of the month for January is Dan Williston. Dan has played a key role in leading his ice hockey team, the Emergency Care Eagles, to a 2-0 record in league play.

Dan, 24, is a first-year ambulance and emergency care student with an honors physical education degree from Brock University. He grew up in Port Colborne and now lives in Welland.

He played Junior C hockey for three years in Port Colborne, but gave it up to concentrate on his studies. Now he just plays pick-up hockey for the fun of it.



DAN WILLISTON

Dan feels his team has a good chance to win the intramural title this year because of the Eagles' well-balanced attack.

"We have a strong goaltender in Mark (Mahilides), good goal scorers and a solid defence. I think we're a strong skating, well-balanced team."

After graduating this year, Dan would like to pursue a career as an ambulance attendant or in the field of sports medicine.

Sports

KNIGHTS' HOCKEY

Knights' resurgence caps victory

By ROBERT STROHM
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights won a victory over the Erie Community Kats last Saturday night and gave new credibility into the old adage that "character builds a team."

The Knights, who played their third game of a four-game home stand, showed tremendous ability to overcome fatigue as they came to life and pumped in four goals during the third period to score an 8-4 victory and notch their third straight win putting their record over .500, at five wins and four losses.

Missing Rod Estabrook, Bruce Horvath and Pat Flynn — all a vital part of the team's current success —, the Knights, who seemed to sag nearing the end of the second, had to dig deep because of a lack of manpower. They did.

"Under the circumstances our boys played a great game and showed what they can do after they got their second wind between the second and third periods," Fred Bassi said.

It may have been somewhat of a struggle for the Niagara Knights during their game against the Erie Community Kats, but, with a second wind and team unity, the Knights overpowered the hapless Kats in third period for an 8-4 win. Photo by Rob Strohm

LED WAY

Blake Sawyer, who led the way for the Knights with four goals, said he knew the team could do it because they believed they were the better team but it was just a matter of getting that extra little bit out of the players because of being short-staffed.

"We were sluggish in the second period, but we showed a lot of character playing like we did in the third,"Blake said.

He was the essence of the character displayed, as he hit the mesh three times in the third to cap another stellar performance this year, but still gave accolades to his teammates.

"Right now we're playing with unity and each line is playing equally well," he said.

Defenceman Jim Beattie, explaining how the defence felt, said the forwards came back and helped out and that helped them tremendously.

"We got kind of tired but their help made our job easier," he said. "It was an all around good effort by everybody."

The Knights who had only 14 minutes in penalties did realize that staying out of the box was crucial if they were to have a chance at a victory.

"Penalties tonight were a no-no," Beattie said. "When they started to get aggressive, we just played it smart so we wouldn't tire or take a bad penalty."

The Knights went up 3-0 on goals by Mike Mooradian, Blake Sawyer and Chris Vandermeer. Mr. Bassi pointed out that, at this stage of the game, the outcome might have been different had it not been for Jim Darling who made a crucial save on breakaway late in the period.

"If they had scored on that play, it might have knocked the air out of us and we didn't need that, especially tonight," he said.

OUT STRONG

The Kats, in the second, came out strong taking advantage of the Knights' growing weariness, by scoring two quick goals and suddenly cutting the Knights' lead to one. Mike Mooradian countered with his second of the night to give his team a little breathing room, but it did not hold up long, as Erie netted a rather soft goal past goaltender Jim Darling to make it 4-3 heading into the third, setting the stage for the Knights' resurgence.

Asked about the soft goal, Darling explained that he had a small opening between his skate and the pylons at the time, and slipped the puck under a sprawling Kat goalie. Erie did manage one goal during the Knight barrage, but were just not up to the task of containing the potent offence of the blue and white.

The victory was adequately summed up by Fred Bassi as he departed from the ice to the dressing room at the game's finish when he uttered the words, "That was nice."

Right now, the Knights seem to be gelling as a unit and have that continuity that exists in all winning teams. Both the offence and defence are performing exceptionally well with the goaltending coming up with the consistency needed every game and the big save when required. With the win, the Knights need only one point to assure themselves a trip to Penn State where the playoffs will be held on March 10 and 11.

If this pace contines, Niagara could be the team to beat come playoff time.

Next game for the Knights is Feb. 13 against Conestoga. Game time is 8 p.m.

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